

St Mary the Virgin CE Primary School

CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION: 2010/2011

Introduction

St Mary the Virgin CE School in Hartfield is a Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School situated in a rural area. As an Aided School, the admission of pupils is made by the governors in accordance with arrangements agreed with the Local Education Authority and the Diocese of Chichester.

The school serves a dual role: it seeks to provide a place of Christian nurture for Church families while at the same time serving the local community. The planned admission numbers for each year group is 20. If more than that number apply for any year group, the admission of pupils will be subject to the following priorities in order set out:

- 1 'looked after' children
- 2 a sibling who is attending the school, when the child starts school
- 3 parents regularly worshipping at St Mary the Virgin, Hartfield or Holy Trinity, Coleman's Hatch and living in the civil parish
- 4 living in the civil parish
- 5 living with Christian parents who worship at a Christian church outside the civil parish
- 6 others

When deciding between applicants of equal entitlement, the governors will give priority to the applicants living closest to the school, measured using the County Council's geographical formation system (GIS) from the centre of the road outside the front door of the child's home to the nearest gate of the school.

NOTES:

A sibling is a full, half or stepbrother or sister living permanently in the same household, including an adoptive or foster brother or sister.

Regular worship is defined as attending a service at least once a month for a minimum of 12 months.

Parents applying under criterion 5 must complete a supplementary form (available from the school) giving the name of the priest or minister able to verify that the requirements of a particular criterion have been met.

Reference to parents includes legal guardians and applies to either or both parents, or a sole parent.

Where only one parent/guardian satisfies a criterion, the application will be treated equally with one where the requirements are met by two parents.

Maps of the civil parish of Hartfield can be viewed at the school.

A Christian Church is a Church that is a full member of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland or the Evangelical Alliance.

There is a right of appeal to an independent panel against a decision of the governors. Parents wishing to exercise this right should write to the clerk to the governors c/o the school.

Children refused a place can, at their parents' request, be put on a waiting list where priorities will also be determined by the admissions criteria set out above. Children are kept on this list for a maximum of 12 months.

Late applications are considered after all those applications received by the specified deadline.